

# California Department of Fish and Game Seasonal Job Bulletin



**Position:** Scientific Aid (3 positions)

**Position Number:** 565-033-0835-905

**Location:** Sacramento

**Final File Date:** Open until filled

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**Comments:**

High Mountain Lakes Field Assistant: Job Description/Duty Statement

Term: Seasonal position from approximately June 1 to October 31, 2011. (Start date is dependent on spring snow pack and trail access. End date is subject to change due to cold weather and snow.)

Schedule: The schedule is typically a 40 hour work period OR 80 hour work period but is dependent upon weather, work load, etc. A 40 hour period is Mon – Fri, 8 hours per day with weekends off. An 80 hour work period is Wed – Wed, 10 hours per day followed by 6 days off.

Work Duties: The successful applicant will serve as a member of a 3-4 person field crew for extended trips in backcountry and front country terrain. The team will implement multiple survey protocols to collect fish, amphibian and habitat data for lakes, streams and meadows in the Sierra Nevada, Klamath and Trinity mountain ranges. In addition, the team will work restoration sites focused on the removal of non-native trout to benefit native amphibian populations. The work typically occurs in wilderness settings at elevations between 4,500' and 12,000'. However, car camping or other front country situations may be necessary depending on the specific work location.

**Minimum Qualifications:** The successful applicant must possess the following minimum qualifications:

- Must possess a valid California driver's license, Class C.
- Education equivalent to completion of two years of college with a minimum of 10 semester hours in science (transcript required) OR one year of equivalent work experience surveying, studying or evaluation fish or wildlife populations, data, habitats or other related work experience.
- Ability to lift and carry heavy loads over rugged cross-country terrain for extended periods of time in a high elevation, wilderness setting.
- Ability to live and work safely in remote wilderness setting.

**Desired Qualifications:** Ideally, the successful applicant will possess the following skills:

- Experience with fish survey techniques, including gill netting, electrofishing, snorkeling, or similar techniques.
- Experience and aptitude operating handheld electronic equipment, such as digital cameras, GPS units, radios, PDAs, satellite phone, etc.
- Experience backpacking, traveling or working in high elevation backcountry wilderness settings is highly desirable.

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- Sufficient experience with computer applications to input and manage data including MS Word, MS Excel and MS Access.
- Good logistics and organizational skills.
- Good oral communication skills and the ability to interact with field crew members and the public.

#### **Physical Demands:**

Field work often involves extended travel with a backpack over rugged terrain both on trail and off trail. There is potential for exposure to all types of weather, slippery rocks, insects, poison oak, rough or fast-moving water, cold water temperatures and high elevation. Long periods of hiking, carrying equipment, swimming, and/or standing may be required. All survey, backpacking and camping equipment is provided.

**How to Apply:** Send a Standard State Employment Application (Form 678) by mail to Fisheries Branch, 830 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. List position number on your application under Job Title(s) for which you are applying. For further information contact Mitch Lockhart at (916) 323-3422.

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